

# THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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## FOUNDER OF "NATIONAL HERITAGE CORPORATION" WILL SPEAK ON HIP ROOF HOUSE AT THE CANDLELIGHT DINNER

With the Hip Roof House fund raising underway, the time has come to hear the architect's plans for our Bicentennial Project. John D. Milner, A.I.A., distinguished restoration consultant and graduate of the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Fine Arts, will give an illustrated talk on a variety of approaches to restoration work, from museum to commercial. He has formed the "National Heritage Corporation" in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania which specializes in restoration and the adaptive uses of historic properties. Mr. Milner prepared the Feasibility Study on the Hip Roof House in 1969 after preliminary investigation was made by Charles Peterson, F.A.I.A.

Several years ago he was the architect for the restoration of the 1683 Caleb Pusey House in Upland and the 1695 Thomas Massey House in Broomall, both in Pennsylvania. These two houses are comparable both in character and original use, to the Hip Roof House.

He was on the staff of the National Park Services' Branch of Restorations, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation; and was a consultant on recent restoration work for Independence Hall.

### CANDLELIGHT DINNER

DATE: Tuesday, February 26

TIME: Punch Party, 6:00 P.M.

Dinner 7:00 P.M. promptly

PLACE: The Haddon Fortnightly

CATERER: D. C. McCallister & Sons

### RESERVATIONS:

Mail check (\$8.50 per person) payable to Historical Society of Haddonfield, to Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr., 768 Redman Ave., Haddonfield. Phone: 429-4841.

Reservation deadline: February 21. Tickets will not be issued. Reservations will be held for you.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I cannot thank each and everyone of the members of the Society enough for all the effort and enthusiasm, time and talent, that has been devoted to this initial drive for the Hip Roof House. Formal requests have brought in lots of money, but I would imagine that casual

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conversations with friends produced far more cash.

Our Mr. Louis H. Goettelmann, A.I.A., and Mr. John D. Milner, A.I.A., are putting together a joint fee proposal to see this project through. We are anxious now to get underway. With the funds in the hands of the Women's Committee, plus the results of the drive, we will start with the exterior and as more contributions come in, we can continue with the interior.

Please come out to the annual dinner on February 26, to hear Mr. Milner describe our restoration. See you then!

Robert J. Moore  
*President*

**THE HIP ROOF HOUSE FUND DRIVE**

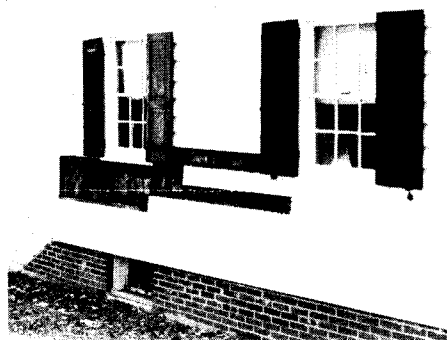
Fifty-six percent of our \$50,000.00 goal has, as of late January 1974, been achieved. An excellent response has been received with forty-six percent participation of the members to which is added an enthusiastic support from the community at large. In addition we have had offers of materials and supplies free or at substantial reduction in cost from a number of business houses and a town organization.

*The fund drive continues.* Please remember it is for both restoration and furnishing the "Hip Roof House". This project will be part of the 1976 Bicentennial observance in Haddonfield. Through it the Society members may participate in this important historic event while a focus for community at large sharing is also afforded. So, we hope for an increased percent participation by the members and continued support by the residents, professional persons and business houses of Haddonfield. It is surprising how the fund

swells as more and more people get into the act. Let us recapture the Spirit of '76 as a challenge to this—the winter of our discontent.

If you haven't done so—now is a good time to send in your contribution—help us bring a dream to reality.

Ruth C. Dalton, *Chairman*  
Hip Roof House Committee



Sections of the Circa 1900 clapboard siding have been removed in the above picture to show the surviving original vertical beaded board siding beneath.

Architecturally, this is the most important feature of the early section of the house and that which makes it unique. The beaded clapboard siding where it has been found installed over this vertical board siding was installed in 1790 and is relatively common in the 18th Century frame construction. Later investigation may reveal enough of the original detail to restore its appearance, especially on the West Wall to its very early 18th Century character. . . .

Lou Goettelman

**WANTED****Hip Roof House Furnishings**

Are you interested in supplying furnishings\* for the Hip Roof House to create an atmosphere so that visitors again might ask?—

*"What meaneth all this thronging,  
To that quaint old cottage fair,  
With its roof so like a picture,  
And its antique windows square"—*

\*Furnishings must be 18th Century Primitive and approved, as are all gifts to the Society, by the Acquisitions Committee.

**A QUIET AFTERNOON**

As recently as a year ago, spending the afternoon at "Greenfield Hall" provided a good chance to catch up on neglected reading, to do a bit of hand-work or even to write a letter or two. This no longer is true.

Over the constant clatter of the library typewriter, the doorbell clangs or the phone buzzes with its peculiar hoarse ring.

At the door there may be a researcher looking for a special reference source; a genealogist seeking a trace of an elusive ancestor; an antique lover who wants to see "old things" in a proper setting; or a doll fancier who has heard of the Christopher doll collection. Very often the guest is a Haddonfield resident, making her first trip because a friend from out of town is visiting. Two of our most recent guests, after having been on the Candelight Tour, returned the following Tuesday—the day of their return to England. Theatre buffs, both,

they were fascinated with the Society's costume collection—its variety of styles, fabrics and accessories. They offered some very good ideas for displaying the costumes; and since returning home, have been barraging the Society with materials from the Victoria and Albert about the proper care of ancient clothes and fabrics.

The telephone brings as varied an assortment of queries: "Do you have any information about Bi-valve on the Maurice River?" "We'd love to have a wedding in an old house. May we use this building?" "Our class is studying about New Jersey. Would you send me *all* the information you have?" "Can you tell me about New Jersey Indians?" "Where can I get a picture of Elizabeth Haddon?" "When may I bring my troop of Brownies to visit?" "Do you have anything to sell?"

High school students still stream past "Greenfield Hall"—occasionally ringing the doorbell as a lark but more usually accepting the building as part of the landscape. However, more and more adults are becoming aware that behind the severe double white doors a fascinating panorama of Jersey's heritage is theirs to see and appreciate.

Pat Lennon

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or thing Conveyance or Assurance whatsoever for the further and  
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above written *John Gill* Esq. Sealed and Delivered  
In the presence of us Jonathan Oxford George Allen Marrett  
John Kay as One of the Judges of the Common Pleas for the County  
of Gloucester of and this Conveyance to be recorded  
Recorded this 2 Day September 1761  
*Reh. Reed Secy*

The above copy of a deed relating to the Hip Roof House is a small sample of the hundreds of its kind Mrs. Haydock has researched in writing the history of the little house.